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HOUSE BILL NO. 51

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to community relations training for peace officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 590.063, to read as follows:

- 3 **590.063. 1. There is hereby established the "Community Relations Training**
4 **Program for Peace Officers" within the department of public safety. Such program shall**
5 **provide peace officers with training to strive toward maintaining open avenues of discourse**
6 **between communities and police departments throughout the state in an ongoing effort to**
7 **keep abreast of, and sensitive to, the contemporary issues facing such officers. Such**
8 **program shall also include training in diversity, sensitivity, and cultural competency.**
9 **2. All peace officer recruits shall, upon hire and every three years, attend a training**
10 **program that provides community relations, diversity, sensitivity, and cultural competency**
11 **training. All existing peace officers in this state shall attend a community relations,**
12 **diversity, sensitivity, and cultural competency training program every three years. Such**
13 **training for all such officers shall include training through discipline, public information**
14 **activity, and efficient front-line police work.**
15 **3. Each state licensed training center shall develop a curriculum for the training**
16 **program required in subsection 2 of this section. Such curriculum shall be taught by a**
17 **member in law enforcement who has experience and maintains liaisons with communities**
18 **throughout the state and is a member of the community relations division created in**
19 **subsection 4 of this section.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **4. The department of public safety shall create a "Community Relations Division"**
19 **consisting of at least two police chiefs, two sheriffs, and one person who shall be a chief**
20 **executive officer of a certified training academy to perform the duties required of the**
21 **community relations division. In addition to maintaining contact with community-based**
22 **organizations, leaders, spokespersons, and members of the public, members of the**
23 **community relations division shall gather information which is to be used in the training**
24 **of peace officers in community relations under subsection 3 of this section. The community**
25 **relations division shall:**

26 **(1) Coordinate quarterly forums with various community groups, including forums**
27 **with groups of different racial and ethnic backgrounds and youth and clergy throughout**
28 **the state;**

29 **(2) Conduct community surveys periodically throughout cities, town, and villages**
30 **in this state to determine the satisfaction of services by law enforcement within such cities,**
31 **towns, and villages;**

32 **(3) Attend various meetings held by cities, towns, or villages throughout the state;**

33 **(4) Act as a liaison with community activists and leaders throughout the state;**

34 **(5) Attend lawful demonstrations;**

35 **(6) Respond to the scene of high-profile incidents, such as law enforcement-related**
36 **deaths or injuries or major confrontations between police and the public.**

37 **5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Community Relations Training**
38 **Fund for Peace Officers", which shall consist of money appropriated to it by the general**
39 **assembly and also any gifts, contributions, grants, bequests, or other aid received from**
40 **federal, private, or other sources. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In**
41 **accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve**
42 **disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, money in the**
43 **fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section. Notwithstanding the**
44 **provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end**
45 **of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state**
46 **treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested.**
47 **Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.**

48 **6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

49 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
50 **automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by**
51 **an act of the general assembly; and**

52 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
53 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**
54 **section; and**

55 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately**
56 **following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.**

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